

ABSTRACT

In a system for managing admissions into parks and attractions, a guest requests reservations via a kiosk unit or purchases advanced ticket attraction packages via the World Wide Web/Internet or through the phone. Once the reservations or purchase has been made, the confirmed reservation is printed onto a confirmation ticket or guest card and the data is uploaded into the system. The guest can then take their confirmation ticket or guest card at the appointed time and gain entry into the attraction through a barrier controlled by the controller unit. The controller unit reads or scans the guest card and allows guests with advance reservations to gain entry without waiting in long lines.

In an alternative park operation system, admission to the park is permitted only with advance reservations. As part of the advance reservation, each guest is assigned to a menu group, with each menu group provided with assigned times for each attraction in the park. The number of advance reservations is limited so as not to exceed attraction capacities. This largely avoids having guests wait extensively to attend an attraction.